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Education, Education, Education.

Since 1989, I have been involved in a variety of NEPA activities to include developing national and international policies for implementing NEPA for both Department of Defense and Commercial Space operations. I have also led the development of several environmental impact statements and environmental assessments. The major problem I've experienced is not the affected public blocking proposed projects, it is usually Civil Servants or their contractor(s) who put documents on the street riddled with deficiencies. These poorly done NEPA documents create a lot of uncertainty and controversy resulting in a loss of trust in the agency and the process. I would encourage the Task Force to assess current professional requirements for NEPA program managers. I would also encourage the Task Force to develop and administer training programs for Civil Servants involved in writing NEPA documents and senior level workshops for managers who approve such documents.

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